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TAGS: PARM, UK, US

SUBJECT: UK RESPONSE TO US QUESTIONS RELATED TO  
NEGOTIATIONS ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS

1. IN THE PROCESS OF CONSULTING WITH THE UK WITH RESPECT  
TO CURRENT US-USSR NEGOTIATIONS ON A CHEMICAL WEAPONS  
INITIATIVE, THE US ASKED FOR ESTIMATE OF UK REQUIREMENTS  
FOR SUPER TOXIC CHEMICALS FOR TRAINING AND RESEARCH.  
ADDITIONALLY THE US SOUGHT UK POSITION ON THE DISPOSITION  
OF CW PRODUCTION AND FILLING FACILITIES.

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2. BRITISH EMBASSY PROVIDED ACDA WITH FOLLOWING RESPONSE:

QUOTE (A) WE ESTIMATE THAT WE NEED UP TO 200 KILOGRAMMES OF  
SUPER TOXIC AGENT PER ANNUM FOR TRAINING AND FOR RESEARCH  
AND DEVELOPMENT INTO PROTECTIVE MEASURES.

(B) WE STILL FAVOUR THE DESTRUCTION OF PREVIOUS CW

PRODUCTION FACILITIES THAT HAVE BEEN MOTHBALLED. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF THE PRACTICAL PROBLEMS WE FACE IN THE UK WITH PREVIOUS SECOND WORLD WAR MUSTARD AGENT PRODUCTION FACILITIES WHICH HAVE SINCE BEEN CONVERTED TO OTHER USES BY COMMERCIAL CONCERNS, WE COULD NOT GO ALONG WITH THE DESTRUCTION OF SUCH FACILITIES, PREFERRING INSPECTION INSTEAD. WE HAVE NOW LOCATED AT LEAST ONE PREVIOUS CW MUNITION-FILLING FACILITY WHICH HAS BEEN CONVERTED TO OTHER PURPOSES BY A COMMERCIAL CONCERN. IN THE UK THEREFORE, DESTRUCTION OF SUCH FACILITIES WOULD NOT ALWAYS BE PRACTICAL. PLEASE ADD THAT WHILE WE CONTINUE TO PLACE MOST EMPHASIS ON THE DESTRUCTION OF PRESENT AND MOTHBALLED CW PRODUCTION FACILITIES, WE ALSO THINK THE DESTRUCTION OF (UNDERLINE FOLLOWING WORD)PRESENT CW MUNITION-FILLING FACILITIES IMPORTANT. DUAL PURPOSE CHEMICALS WILL CONTINUE TO BE PRODUCED AFTER THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF A CW CONVENTION, AND THEREFORE DESTRUCTION OF PRESENT MUNITION-FILLING FACILITIES WILL HELP TO ENSURE THAT SUCH CHEMICALS ARE NOT USED FOR MILITARY PURPOSES. END QUOTE. VANCE

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